(b) and (c) The employment generation Schemes are on-going and implemented in accordance with the guidelines, by and large, as per appraisal made by the Ministry. Information on families crossing above the poverty line is not maintained.

Revival of dormant National Fund for Rural Development

276. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Fund for Rural Development was started in 1995-96 which has since become dormant;

(b) if so, the salient features of this scheme;

(c) the total amount collected in this fund;

(d) whether with a view to get more revenues for the vast rural undeveloped sector, the Government have revived the dormant National Fund for Rural Development (NFRD); and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No Sir. The National Fund for Rural Development (NFRD) was set up in February, 1984.

(b) The NFRD is envisaged to act as a chennel for mobilising efforts and resources from individuals, corporate and non-corporate bodies for taking up rural developmental activities.

(c) So far an amount of Rs. 11,71,98,065.15 has been collected in the Fund.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Assistance to educated unemployed youth under SGSY and GRY

277. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL

DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of financial assistance granted to the educated unemployed youths in the various districts of the country under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Sampooran Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) during the last three years, district-wise, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) does not specifically target educated unemployed youths. Under this scheme, financial assistance isprovided to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families to enable them to cross the poverty line. Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) is a wage employment scheme under which unskilled manual labourers are offered supplementary employment opportunities on asset creating public works. No financial assistance is provided under SGRY to unemployed educated youths.

Revisions of criteria for Rural Development Fund under E.A.S.

278. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any demand from some States of the NER for revision of criteria for allocation of Rural Development Fund under Employment Assurance Schemes; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) was discontinued from 25.09.2001, when the new Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana was launched, hence no demand have been received for revision of allocation criteria from the NER States for EAS.